

# JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

## Murrumbidgee Irrigation & Leeton Shire Council



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### MI PRESENTS MORE 'SMART WATERING WORKSHOPS' FOR THE MIA

After successful workshops were held in the Griffith, Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) will rollout their SMART WATERING workshops throughout the MIA. The next location is in Leeton on August 28 and 29, just in time for planning garden work for Spring.

MI in partnership with Leeton Shire Council, is conducting the informative workshops as part of a broader education program targeting householders' garden water usage. The aim of the workshops is to educate the Leeton urban community in simple ways to become more efficient in managing their garden water use. They will be held at the recently refurbished Leeton Shire Major Dooley library.

For a gold coin donation participants will learn about designing and installing irrigation systems, the benefits of drip irrigation, watering the smart way, soil preparation, mulching and drought resistant plants. The workshops will demonstrate to participants that you can still maintain your garden under current water restrictions simply by adapting your methods and becoming smarter at utilising this regions most precious resource, water.

The workshops run for approximately two hours consisting of a mix of theory and practical session work. They will be conducted by local independent irrigation specialist Jim Creevey who has been involved in initial programs completed in Griffith.

Four workshops will be held at various times over the two days to give all residents of the Leeton Shire opportunity to attend. Sessions commence on Tuesday 28 August at 9.30am and 5.30pm and on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am and 1.30am. Further workshops are planned for Griffith in October.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting MI on 69 620200. For further information regarding the workshops, please ring Kerri-Anne Keely MIA EnviroWise Education Coordinator on 0427 228492.

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